

**Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program
FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. What is the deadline for applications?

All applications are due by 8:00 pm e.t. on June 25, 2007.

2. How do I apply for this funding opportunity?

All applications must be submitted via www.grants.gov. If you have any difficulty with the system, contact Grants.gov at:

However, it is important that you regularly update your registration information. If your information is not updated, you may not be able to apply in for this funding opportunity. If you have not updated your registration information please do not hesitate to contact grants.gov for more information.

Grants.gov Contact Center (Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–9 p.m. e.t.)
1–800–518–4726
support@grants.gov

3. What is a DUNS number and how do I get one?

The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1–866–705–5711 or by applying online at www.dunandbradstreet.com. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

4. Who is eligible to apply for this grant program?

The Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program (Byrne Discretionary) is an open, competitive solicitation. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith and community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Applicants for Category I must represent multi-jurisdictional proposals from state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies. For questions regarding your eligibility, please contact BJA at 1–866–859–2687 or e-mail Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov.

5. Is this Byrne Discretionary funding opportunity restricted to state and local agencies?

No. For details on eligible agencies, please see FAQ 4, above.

6. Is funding available for tribal communities?

Yes. For details on eligible agencies, please see FAQ 4, above. Although there is not a specific “tribal” category in the solicitation, tribal communities are encouraged to apply under any of the six categories.

7. Can a tribe submit an application, absent a tribal resolution, to BJA under this grant program?

Given the submission deadline(s) and understanding that tribes may need time to approve resolutions in support of their applications, BJA will accept these applications with the understanding that tribes shall submit all supporting resolutions as soon as available.

8. What are the categories available for funding?

There are six categories available for Byrne Discretionary funding:

CATEGORY I: TARGETING VIOLENT CRIME

Applicants are solicited under Category I to establish an intelligence-led, data-driven, multi-jurisdictional response to violent crime and gangs. Applicants must document an existing or proposed multi-agency, multi jurisdictional partnership, and are required to have an ongoing partnership with at least one federal law enforcement agency (e.g., the Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Marshals Service; or the relevant U.S. Attorney's Office) throughout the project period. Applicants for this category must be a state, local, or tribal law enforcement agency. For more information about Category I, go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/tvc.html.

CATEGORY II: PREVENTING CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE

Applications are solicited under Category II to prevent crime and drug abuse in the United States. Key priorities include crime prevention efforts designed to reach residents through proven media campaign(s), Neighborhood Watch capacity-building tools, coordination of crime prevention practitioners, crime prevention materials and resources for practitioners, projects that can be implemented and replicated in communities and schools, and programs that help build partnerships among law enforcement, youth, and youth-serving organizations.

CATEGORY III: ENHANCING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Applications are solicited under Category III to improve or enhance the administration and operations of the law enforcement function in local adult criminal justice systems. Key priorities include local, regional, and/or national projects that address law enforcement officer safety, improving crime scene investigation, tactical training, training to support volunteer programs within law enforcement, drug- and alcohol-impaired driving prevention efforts, local anti-gang programs, and gun violence intervention and enforcement.

CATEGORY IV: ENHANCING LOCAL COURTS

Applicants are solicited under Category IV to improve or enhance the administration and operations of the court function in local adult criminal justice systems. Key priorities include improving the effectiveness of the prosecutorial function, training for judicial officers, court management and improvement efforts including automation, and support for court problem-solving efforts such as mental health courts.

CATEGORY V: ENHANCING LOCAL CORRECTIONS AND OFFENDER REENTRY

Applicants are solicited under Category V to improve or enhance the administration and operations of the corrections function and offender reentry initiatives in local adult criminal justice

systems. Key priorities include improving the effectiveness of offender reentry, improving the ability of community corrections to hold offenders accountable, and efforts to improve the efficiency of institutional and community corrections.

CATEGORY VI: FACILITATING JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING

Applicants are solicited under Category VI to improve or enhance the sharing of information within the criminal justice system. Key priorities include improving the sharing and use of criminal intelligence within law enforcement, developing common standards to facilitate information sharing within the justice system, providing technical assistance to improve justice information sharing, and enhancing or developing local, regional, and/or national systems to improve information sharing within and among regions and states.

9. May my jurisdiction/agency/program apply in more than one category?

Yes. For example, a program may submit a proposal for Category III: Enhancing Local Law Enforcement, and a different proposal for Category II: Preventing Crime and Drug Abuse.

10. May my jurisdiction/agency/program submit multiple proposals in the same category?

Yes. For example, an agency may submit multiple proposals under Category V: Enhancing Local Corrections and Offender Reentry.

11. May my jurisdiction/agency/program submit the *same* proposal to more than one category?

No. An agency cannot submit the same proposal in more than one category.

12. What is the total amount of grant funding available per category?

No specific funding amounts are assigned per category. Depending on the number of successful applications received in each category, grant funds will be distributed as appropriate.

13. Is there a minimum/maximum funding amount that I can apply for?

There is no minimum/maximum funding amount for the Byrne Discretionary Grant Program, except for guidelines for Category I: Targeting Violent Crime. For those jurisdictions applying for Category I, maximum allocations are as follows:

Type	Population	Funding Cap per Award
One	1 million or more	\$1.5 million
Two	500,000–999,999	\$1 million
Three	250,000–499,999	\$500,000
Four	1–249,999	\$300,000
Five	Tribal	\$300,000

14. Is there more guidance on how much funding I should apply for?

There is no minimum/maximum on how much funding can be requested under the Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (except for Category I applications). As proposals may be peer reviewed, applicants are encouraged to provide cost-effective budgets that cover critical funding needs.

15. Is there a local match requirement for this program?

No. A local match is not required for this grant program.

16. How many grants will be awarded?

The total number of grants to be awarded has not yet been determined, nor the number of grants per category (see FAQ 10, above).

17. My agency received a grant from BJA previously. May I apply for continuation funding?

The Byrne Discretionary Grant Program does not restrict agencies with *active grants* from applying for continuation funding.

18. Where can I find more information on Category I: Targeting Violent Crime?

For details on Category I, go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/tvc.html.

19. Can you provide more clarification on what is meant by capabilities/competencies?

This section should include information that will demonstrate your agency's ability to implement the project and successfully carry out goals and objectives consistent with the category(s) for which your agency is applying.

20. If I have other questions, who can I contact?

For additional information on this solicitation, please contact BJA at 1-866-859-2687 or e-mail Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov.

21. I submitted an application under another BJA solicitation and have not received notification whether that application was approved for funding. Can my jurisdiction/agency/program submit this same proposal under the Byrne Discretionary Grant Program?

You may submit your earlier proposed project, subject to all the selection criteria and requirements under the Byrne Discretionary Program solicitation. Should your project be selected for funding under another BJA solicitation, your Byrne Discretionary application will be removed from consideration.

22. Are construction allowable costs in the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program?

No. Per 42 U.S.C. 3762, grant funds awarded under section 3761 shall not be used for land acquisition or construction projects.

23. Is an abstract a required part of the application?

Yes. As per the solicitation, it is required that each applicant submit a 1/2 page solicitation detailing the applicant's name, title of project, dollar amount requested, and the category for which the applicant is applying. The abstract must also include goals of the project, a description of the strategies to be used, listing of key/major deliverables, and coordination plans.

24. My jurisdiction received Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Grant funding. Are we still eligible to apply for Byrne Discretionary Grant funding?

Yes. Even if you receive funding from BJA for the JAG Formula Program, you are still eligible to apply for Byrne Discretionary Grant funding.

25. I am looking for information regarding BJA efforts that have been funded to date. Where can I find this information?

Visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/programs/index.html for a list of BJA programs and initiatives previously funded to meet the law enforcement and criminal justice needs of America's communities.